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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, MU

SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST FORCE VISIT TO OMAN

REF: MUSCAT 1304

1. DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO EMBASSIES MANAMA OR MUSCAT BRIEFING COMIDEASTFOR ON RECENT ZAWAWI/ATHERTON DISCUSSION REPORTED STATE 257196. WHILE COMIDEASTFOR SHOULD BE AWARE OF CONTENT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS, USG HAS YET TO COMPLETE ITS OWN INTERNAL STAFFING ON USAGE OF MASIRAH AND WE WOULD NOT WISH COMIDEASTFOR TO ENTER DISCUSSIONS ON THIS QUESTION BEYOND LISTENING TO ANY VIEWS OMANIS MAY PUT FORWARD IF THEY THEMSELVES RAISE SUBJECT.

2. RE QUESTION PARA 3 REFTTEL, WE ARE INCLINED TO DOUBT THAT IT WILL BE USEFUL TO RAISE MIDDLE EAST FORCE QUESTION WITH QABUS AT SCHEDULED OCTOBER 27 MEETING. DEPUTY SECRETARY CLEMENTS PLANS TO VISIT BAHRAIN OCTOBER 24 TO
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DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST FORCE QUESTION WITH GOB. IF, IN

LIGHT OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS IN WHICH COMIDEASTFOR WILL PRE-SUMABLY PARTICIPATE, IT APPEARS USEFUL TO RAISE MIDDLE EAST FORCE QUESTION WITH OMAN, DEPARTMENT WILL ADVISE EMBASSY MUSCAT. KISSINGER

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